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TO: Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB898 by Carona (Relating to energy efficiency programs in institutions of higher education and certain governmental entities.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Health and Safety Code related to reducing energy consumption by state entities. The bill would require political subdivisions, institutions of higher education, and state agencies to establish goals of reducing electric consumption by at least five percent each fiscal year for 10 years. The bill would require the State Energy Conservation Office to develop and make available forms for entities to report their progress on achieving the required goals and would require the Texas Engineering Experiment Station to calculate the amount of energy savings and resulting reduction in pollution based on progress evaluations.

This analysis assumes that any costs associated with implementing the bill's provisions could be met with existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 303 Facilities Commission, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 712 Texas Engineering Experiment Station, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

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